

Wisconsin Home for Veterans
418 (Drive Not Named) (Cottage)
King
Waupaca County
Wisconsin

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Location: 416 (Drive Not Named), King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 416 (Drive Not Named) is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story front gable form built from a design by William Waters that suggests the Shingle Style of architecture (see page 9-10 of the narrative overview for additional information). The gable roof has green asphalt shingles and green tin. There is a concrete block foundation and an enclosed front porch. There are two gable-roofed dormers projecting from the roof. The building measures 23 feet, 4 inches on the front and back walls and 32 feet, 5 inches on the side walls. The cottage is covered with clapboard siding. The broad front gable and the walls of the gable-roofed dormers are covered with shingles in an imbricated pattern. In the gable peaks of the dormers, there are square shingles in a half-circle pattern. Windows are single-light, or two-over-two light double-hung sashes. There is a band of narrow, multi-light windows in the front gable, and a similar multi-light window sits in the dormers. (See photographs WI-323-L-1 and WI-323-L-2)

A wood paneled entry door with narrow arched windows leads to the interior of the cottage. The front of the interior is divided into a living room and a bedroom. At the rear of the building is the kitchen with a small toilet and a small shower room on one side and a back porch on the other side. The living room is carpeted, the bedroom has oak flooring, and the kitchen floor is tiled. The kitchen cabinets have plain painted wood doors and drawer fronts and simple metal hardware. The wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges; and there are some modern doors. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings that are painted. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the bathrooms. This cottage is currently occupied by a married couple.

History: This cottage was built around 1900 from the design by William Waters, and was moved to this location some time after World War II. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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